

# ASSEMBLY CLOSES 1937 SESSION

Passed Laws on Security, Rum  
Optica, Free School Books,  
77-Day Session

Raleigh, March 23—North Carolina's 1937 general assembly, which balanced the largest budget in the history of the state, legalized liquor, compiled with all phases of the social security program and authorized free text books for children in elementary schools, adjourned sine die at 5:38 o'clock this afternoon.

Officially, the legislature quit at high noon, when the old-fashioned clocks in the house and senate chambers were stopped.

Actual adjournment, however, came more than five and a half hours later, after the enrolling office had an opportunity to copy last minute bills, the board of education omnibus measure had been enacted, and the house had killed a measure allowing counties and municipalities to issue revenue anticipation bonds to match federal funds.

A total of 1,804 bills were introduced during the session, 1,313 hitting the house hoppers and 491 being offered in the senate. Clerks at the secretary of state's office had not completed a check on the number of laws ratified, but "guessed" the total would run over 1,200.

The 77-day session was the shortest since 1929. In 1931, when the sales tax and the operation of schools, prisons and roads on a state-wide basis caused the first legislative stretchout, the law-makers remained in Raleigh for 143 days. The 1933 session lasted 132 days and the 1935, 122.

Passage of the liquor statute ended 28 years of state-wide prohibition. Under the measure, counties voting wet will be allowed to operate alcoholic beverage control stores, where liquor may be sold by the bottle. Profits will go to the counties, with the state receiving seven per cent of gross sales.

Stepping into uncharted territory, the legislators made North Carolina history by inaugurating a social security program designed to aid the indigent blind, aged, and dependent children, at a cost of \$8,000,000 a year, to be borne jointly by the federal government, the state, and the counties.

These measures, with an unemployment insurance act passed at a special session called in December by former Governor Ethinghaus, brought the state under all phases of the federal security program.

Another history-making law was one allowing the textbook commission to authorize issuance of \$1,500,000 in bonds to give elementary school children free text books.

As in former sessions, money matters caused the longest debates. Finally approved as a record-setting budget, calling for expenditures, including permanent improvements, of more than \$17,000,000 during the 1937-39 biennium. Although the sales tax was removed from nine necessities of life, a flat \$4.00-a-pump tax was levied on filling stations and the cost of automobile license plates was reduced from 40 to 35 cents a hundred-weight. Part of the huge budget will be used to raise the salary of teachers and other state employees 10 per cent.

## Local Artists to Have Pictures on Exhibition

Lalla Clay, Julia Johnson and Francine Holt, students at Appalachian State Teachers College, will be exhibiting artists in Rockefeller Center, New York, when the art exhibition called "Young America Paints," is held there March 30 to April 10.

Pictures by these students have been accepted among those from students in more than a hundred leading American cities. "The paintings accepted for this exhibition, in their exuberance of imagination and wide variety of subject and interest, show that a new day has dawned in art education in this country," declared Miss Marie Falco, in charge of the exhibition.

The mediums represented among the pictures to be shown are water-color, crayon, fresco, which is a new dry color applied with a felt-tipped brush, and finger paint. This latter is especially adapted to the use of very young children, as it is a soft jelly-like material in various colors, applied with the hands directly to the paper, which lies flat on a low table while the child sweeps in the color with broad free strokes, creating new effects with each touch of the hand or finger, thus gaining self-confidence and free self-expression.

Exhibitors in Young America Paints are from kindergarten to college age.

## ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. W. H. Gragg and his mother, Mrs. S. E. Gragg, of Shulls Mills, went to Collettsville Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rosa Lee Lindsay, a first cousin of Mrs. Gragg, who died Wednesday after a short illness. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Leafy Davis, of the Collettsville community, and three sisters.

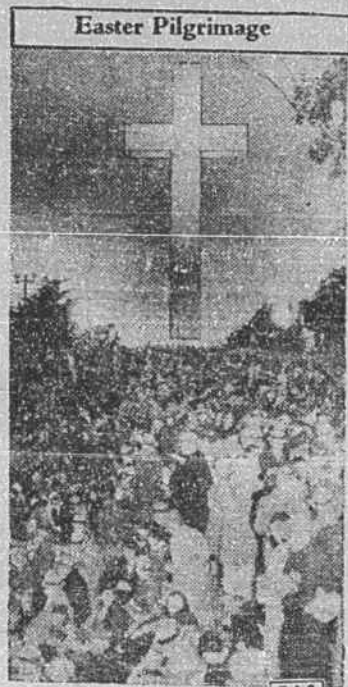
# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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**Easter Pilgrimage**  
San Francisco.—Over 50,000 people ascend Mount Davidson each year to attend the sunrise Easter services under the huge cross. Visitors from all parts of the country arrive to join in the impressive ceremony.

## TO CONSTRUCT NEW THEATRE BUILDING

Messrs. Hamby and Winkler  
Close Deal for E. N. Hahn  
Frontage; Work Starts

Messrs. A. E. Hamby and W. R. Winkler, owners of the Pastime Theatre, have closed a deal with Mr. E. N. Hahn for a fifty-foot frontage on the site of the Hahn residence and expect to begin the construction of a new theatre thereon in the very near future. Meantime the Hahn residence is being moved to the rear of the property and will front on the street passing the Woodcraft Novelty company.

Mr. Hamby states that the actual plans for the new building have not been completed, but that the construction will be of brick, that the building will represent the very latest in theatre construction, and will be arranged to seat from six to eight hundred people.

When the specifications are ready and approved, Mr. Hamby states actual construction will start and that it is his purpose to be able to occupy the building by mid-summer.

## Mrs. F. M. Ray Dies At Pennsylvania Home

Mrs. F. M. Ray, native Watauga county citizen, but for the past many years a resident of Tayloria, Pa., died suddenly at the home on Monday of last week. Mrs. Ray had suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago, but was going about her household duties when seized by the sudden illness. She expired within a few minutes. She was about 60 years old.

The body was returned to Todd last Friday and funeral services and interment were in the old home neighborhood.

Surviving are the husband, six sons and four daughters: Sam Ray, of Marion; Joe, Tom, Vonley, Frank and Jim of Tayloria; Lucy, Madon, Dora and Mary Ray, of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Ray was the daughter of the late Alex Blackburn of Watauga county and was reared here where she was well known. Her husband is a brother to the late Mrs. Wade McChee of Boone.

## HUTCHENS DISPOSES OF INTEREST IN MOTOR CO.

Mr. Claude Hutchens of North Wilkesboro, has sold his one-third interest in the Boone Motor Sales, to Messrs. Will Pugh and Earl Cook, who are now the sole owners of the local Ford dealership.

Messrs. Pugh and Cook state that they are enjoying an unusually brisk business in the disposal of new Fords, and that four were sold Tuesday of this week. They state that thus far they are having no trouble in getting cars, and that practically all colors, types and models are available. Sales of used cars are also described as very heavy this spring.

Mr. Will Payne, veteran automobile salesman, has accepted a position with the Ford agency.

## MUSIC RECITAL

The music department of Appalachian College will give a recital in the college auditorium Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## NORTHWEST BANK CONSOLIDATION NEAR COMPLETE

Final Approval Expected Soon  
for the Formation of Three  
Million Dollar Bank, of Which  
Boone Institution is a Unit

The formation of the Northwestern Bank, through the consolidation of five banks, serving six counties, was definitely assured Saturday as the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Bakersville approved the merger, thus removing the last obstacle to the creation of the three million dollar financial institution.

A meeting of the directors was held in North Wilkesboro Saturday evening, but due to a misunderstanding only half of the officials were present. Gurney P. Hood, commissioner of banks, was there and approved the application for a charter for the new bank, and with the signatures of the remaining members of the directorate the application will be forwarded to Washington for endorsement by the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation. It is thought quite likely that the remaining routine details will be completed in time for the Northwestern Bank to be actually in operation by April 15 or shortly thereafter.

A directors' meeting has been called for next Monday at which time officers will be elected.

The Northwestern Bank will start operations with a paid in capital of \$150,000, surplus of \$75,000 and undivided profits of no less than \$25,000. Total resources will approximate \$3,000,000.

The bank will have offices and branches at Bakersville, Burnsville, Boone, Blowing Rock, North Wilkesboro and Sparta, and is formed through the consolidation of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Bakersville, the Watauga County Bank of Boone, the Deposit and Savings Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Bank of Sparta.

Directors of the new bank will be: W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis, W. D. Farthing and Paul A. Coffey of Boone, R. L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, N. B. Smithey of North Wilkesboro, J. T. Prevette of Wilkesboro, R. A. Doughton of Sparta, M. A. Higgins of Eunice, M. E. Reeves of Laurel Springs, W. C. Berry of Bakersville, John C. McBee of Spruce Pine, and G. W. Greene of Toecane.

## MANY MEN NEEDED ON PARK HIGHWAY

Employment Service Representative  
Will Be in Boone Friday  
to Register Men

Work on the Blue Ridge Parkway, which was discontinued several weeks ago, will be resumed about the first of April, according to Jas. M. Anderson, North Wilkesboro representative of the State Employment Service, who states that a great many men will be needed for work on this project.

A representative from the employment office will be in Boone at the clerk of the court's office Friday of this week for the purpose of registering those who desire jobs, and all those interested are asked to register. Laborers, jack-hammer operators, truck drivers and tractor drivers will be particularly needed, says Mr. Anderson.

## COLLEGE PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMER

Eugene Wike, editor of the Appalachian, local college publication, states that the paper will be published this year through both the summer terms at the college, starting about June 11.

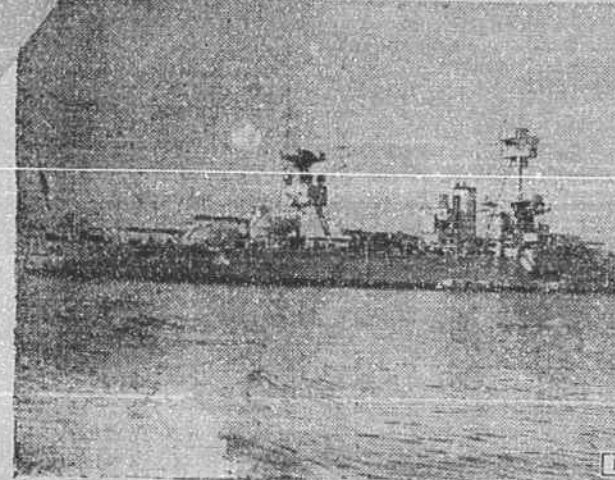
An increase in circulation to perhaps 1,500 or 2,000 is visualized by the editor, who states that the business men of Boone are eager for the paper to continue, and are willing to give the publication their continued support.

Mr. Wike states that a record enrollment is expected at the college this summer and that Appalachian seems destined to become the largest college of its type in the south.

## DESIGNS CHEESE KNIFE

The Sugar Grove Cheese factory has designed a cheese-serving knife, for which there is said to be an enormous demand, and which has been accepted by one of the leading cutlery manufacturers in the United States. Production of the knives will begin at an early date, it is reported.

## Battleship New York Sails for Coronation



Washington.—The Battleship New York will participate in an international naval review at Spithead on May 18 in connection with the coronation of King George VI. The New York was Admiral Rodman's flagship when he commanded the Sixth battle squadron during the World war.

## Check is Drawn to Bring Town Finances Into Current Condition

Yesterday town officials mailed to Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer, a municipal check in the amount of \$3,547.50, representing the full amount of interest at 3 per cent due on outstanding bonds, under the refunding proposal, which would save the taxpayers of the town an equal amount each six months.

The refunding proposition, which city officials believe will soon become workable, has already been approved by more than one-half of the bond-holders, and their securi-

ties have been forwarded to the state treasurer for exchange for the three per cent bonds, when the plan comes into effect. The new bonds are to be dated July 1, 1936, and at that time the interest will be paid from the money sent to Raleigh.

Thus, if and when refinancing is accomplished, the town's interest bill will be in current condition for the first time in many years, and a reasonable tax rate will provide sufficient funds to allow regular payments of obligations as they become due.

## CLINIC FOR BLIND BEING SPONSORED

Lions Club and State Blind  
Commission Co-operate in  
Helping Needy Blind

The Boone Lions club in co-operation with the state commission for the blind, has arranged for holding a free clinic for the indigent blind, and others with impaired vision. The clinic will be held in Boone April 6-7, and Dr. Brokman will conduct the optical examinations.

Attorney Charles T. Zimmerman, president of the Lions club, states that the clinic is free, and that his organization will aid the blind and also help in furnishing glasses for others who cannot possibly correct their vision on their own resources.

A representative of an optical concern will be present with glasses, and those able to pay will be fitted at a cost of about \$4.

## Evening Economics Classes to Be Held

Special evening classes under the auspices of the high school home economics department are being planned for the week of March 29th through April 2nd. The classes, which will be of an informal nature, are scheduled to meet each evening during the week from 7:30 to 8:30.

Discussion will be centered around plans for the new spring wardrobe with actual clothing construction taking place.

The event will afford an opportunity to exchange ideas and to study advanced construction methods, pattern interpretation and new color combinations.

Special prizes will be awarded for perfect attendance, outstanding workmanship, and most attractive dresses fashioned during the week.

The local high school department for vocational home economics is located in the basement of Lavill dormitory and those interested in attending the evening classes may see Mrs. Wade Brown for further details.

## NO RED CROSS FUND AVAILABLE FOR TRAMPS

Mrs. James Council, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, states that many tramps and other transients are being sent to her for aid, and desires that it be stated that such funds as are held by the chapter must be used for local purposes. The organization does not have any money which can be used for the relief of transients, she stated.

Despite killing of 7,228 moose in Sweden during a brief open season, the number of animals is increasing rapidly.

## CITY ELECTION IS TO BE HELD MAY 4

Officials Are Named For Municipal  
Balloting; No Candidates  
Are Announced

G. K. Moose, city clerk, has issued the call for the election to be held in the city hall on May 4th, at which time a mayor and three aldermen will be elected for the ensuing two years.

Mrs. Carrie C. Williams has been appointed registrar and the registration books will be open each Saturday throughout the month of April. Saturday, May 1, will be observed as challenge day. J. E. Holshouser and J. M. Moretz have been named as judges of the election.

## Incumbents May Run

Although no announcements are forthcoming it is generally believed that the present incumbents will offer for re-election, all being members of the Republican party save one alderman, L. T. Tatum. Little interest has developed thus far in municipal politics and there is no intimation as to whom the Democrats may nominate.

## Town's Oldest Man Observes Birthday

Mr. John H. Norris, Boone's oldest citizen, was honored at a birthday dinner at his home Tuesday, celebrating his 88th birthday anniversary.

Those enjoying the repast, all near relatives, were: Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Link of Lenoir, and Council Cooke.

Besides being the most venerable, Mr. Norris is one of the community's best men and most esteemed citizens, and it is the collective wish that he may enjoy many more happy birthdays.

## LOCAL OIL DEALERS MAKE SALES RECORD

Mr. A. E. Hodges of the Hodges Tire company, dealers in Puroil products, was in Hickory Tuesday where he attended a meeting of the Puroil agents for the Charlotte district.

Mr. Hodges' firm was singled out for special recognition in the meeting by having produced a greater percentage of increase in the sales of motor oil and grease than any other Puroil bulk distributor in either North or South Carolina.

Elephants are said by scientists to have inhabited the earth at least 50,000 years before man, and dinosaurs are believed to have lived 30,000,000 years before the elephant.

## JURORS SELECTED FOR APRIL COURT; 4 MURDER CASES

Judge McElroy Scheduled to  
Hold Two Weeks Court Term  
in April; Heavy State Docket  
Includes Four Murder Indictments

The spring term of Watauga superior court will convene April 19, and the names of those who will perform jury service have been drawn. Judge P. A. McElroy was to have presided but resigned from the bench this week, the resignation to become effective as of March 27. Senator A. Hall Johnson, of Asheville, was immediately appointed to fill the vacancy, and the Watauga court will be one of his first judicial assignments.

## Heavy State Docket

The state docket for the spring term is heavy and for the first time perhaps in the history of the county, contains indictments against four men on homicide counts. Roby Warren, Dillard Coffey, Walter Porter and Glenn Brown will be arraigned on murder charges, the next most important case to be tried being against Sam Strickland, of Tennessee, who is charged with robbery from the person in connection with the loss by Mr. Grant Trivett of \$51 when accosted by the defendant.

The remainder of the 35-case criminal docket is devoted for the most part to misdemeanors.

Following is a list of the citizens selected for jury service:

**First Week**  
Ari Parker, Bald Mountain; Wade L. Greene, Stacy Moody, D. C. Hagan, A. D. Henson, Beaver Dam; Will C. Knight, Henry E. Coffey, Dan Klutz, Blowing Rock; G. J. Keller, L. T. Elrod, Blue Ridge; Geo. A. Wilson, J. C. Hodges, W. C. Lyon, S. M. Austin, Z. V. Farthing, David Greene, J. C. Brookshire, Boone; A. N. Mast, Lawrence Moody, B. H. Henson, C. B. Moody, J. R. Mast, J. B. Horton, Cove Creek; V. C. Cox, H. C. Hodges, E. P. R. Shull, W. J. Farthing, G. A. Edmisten, Laurel Creek; Alvin J. Cole, Lee Greene, H. R. Lookbill, W. S. Houck, Meat Camp, W. C. South, North Fork; Dallas Edmisten, J. M. Michael Shawneehaw; W. M. Shirley, W. S. Moretz, Stony Fork; D. S. Love, Toy Rupard, Watauga.

**Second Week**  
J. Allen Gragg, Blowing Rock; Roy Dotson, Boone; Dewey Rominger, Laurel Creek; J. W. Winkler, Boone; C. P. Moore, Watauga; Carney Critcher, Blue Ridge; Fred Yates, Watauga; Q. B. Cannon, Blowing Rock; A. Y. Howell, Boone; M. A. Ward, Laurel Creek; M. W. Greene, Boone; T. T. Danner, Watauga; John A. Beach, Cove Creek; John Luther, Stony Fork; Granville Story, Blue Ridge; Roe Campbell, Beaver Dam; I. N. Minton, Watauga; F. M. Blair, Boone.

## Junior Class Initiation Here Monday Night

Team From North Wilkesboro Will  
Confer Work in Three Degrees;  
3 Counties Represented

Monday night, March 29th, will be a memorable occasion for Juniors in Watauga, Avery and Mitchell counties, when the third district will hold its class initiation in the Junior Order hall in Boone. The North Wilkesboro degree team, rated as one of the best in the state, will put on all three degrees, and local members should allow nothing to prevent them from attending this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

3 MORE DAYS TO  
**BUY**  
EASIER SEALS

JOYOUS-LIFE  
CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Every crippled child has the right to considerate treatment, not only from those responsible for its being and for its care, treatment, education, training and placement, but from those with whom it is thrown into daily contact, and every possible influence should be exerted by this and affiliated organizations to secure this right, in order that, so far as possible, the crippled child may be spared the stinging jibe or the bitter taunt, or, worse still, the demoralizing pity of its associates.

(Article 8 of The Crippled Child's "Bill of Rights.")